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1. ASSISTANT DAO ATTACHE MADE EARLY MORNING RECONNAISSANCE
FLIGHT ON SEPTEMBER 21 OVER SULA VALLEY AND ALONG NORTH
COAST TO LA CEIBA. HE LANDED AT LA CEIBA BEFORE RETURNING
TO TEGUCIGALPA. MILITARY COMMANDER TOLD HIM THAT ELECTRICITY
HAD BEEN RESTORED IN CITY BUT THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR
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POTABLE WATER AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. GOLOSON INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT OUTSIDE LA CEIBA IS USABLE EVEN THOUGH ONE-THIRD OF RUNWAY HAS BEEN PARTIALLY UNDERMINED BY WATER SEEPAGE.

2. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THERE ARE TWO MAJOR BRIDGES WASHED OUT BETWEEN TELA AND LA CEIBA. A THIRD BRIDGE IS STANDING BUT ITS APPROACHES HAVE BEEN WASHED OUT. HE SAID THAT THE WATER HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY RECEDED ON NORTH COAST BETWEEN TELA AND LA CEIBA AND THAT THE RIVERS APPEAR TO HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR BANKS. BANANA PLANTATIONS CLOSE TO TELA APPEAR TO BE STANDING.

3. HE REPORTED THAT SULA VALLEY BETWEEN SAN PEDRO SULA AND PUERTO CORTES APPEARS TO BE BADLY FLOODED. THERE ARE SOME AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE STRANDED ON ROOFS. HOWEVER, WEATHER IS GOOD AND NO MORE RAIN IS FALLING.

4. CARE IS SHIPPING 34,000 LBS OF HIGH PROTEIN READILY EDIBLE BISCUITS TO SAN PEDRO SULA FROM TEGUCIGALPA FOR DISTRIBUTION IN ISOLATED AREAS. CARE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED \$10,000 FOR IMMEDIATE LOCAL PURCHASES AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES \$5,000 FOR SAME PURPOSE.

5. UNCONFIRMED RADIO HAM REPORTS THAT TWO MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD AIRCRAFT ARE HEADED FOR LA CEIBA WITH MEDICINES AND PARAMEDICS.

6. LT. COL. ANDINO, G-5 OF ARMED FORCES, HAS REQUESTED MISSION TO DIVERT TWO HELICOPTERS TO CHOLUTECA AREA IN SOUTHERN PART OF COUNTRY FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION ACTIVITY IN FLOODED AREAS. THE MISSION HAS AGREED TO SEND ONE HELICOPTER TO SURVEY AREA BUT WILL DISPATCH OTHER RESCUE HELICOPTER TO NORTH COAST DISASTER AREAS AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.
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